

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is in response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2004, with a one-month period for reply set for November 28, 2004, which is a Sunday, therefore the one-month period for reply would be Monday, November 29, 2004.

The Examiner placed the following restriction:

Group I. Claims 61-62 75-93, and 107-110, drawn to a functional surface, classified in class 428, subclass 411.1.

Group II. Claims 63-74 and 94-106, drawn to an active component of the functional surface, classified in class 428, subclass various.

In response to the Examiner's restriction, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 61-62, 75-93, and 107-110. Claims 63-74 and 94-106 have been withdrawn.


This Amendment and Response is filed in a timely fashion, should any additional filing fees associated with this amendment be necessary, please consider this a request therefor and charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for her thorough review of the claims in this application. Further, the Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination, and respectfully request that the application be processed. In the event the Examiner has questions or comments and a telephone conversation would expedite a resolution, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (303) 629-3400.

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